

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 27 remain in the application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, 14 – 20 and 22 – 27 are amended herein. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination, a request for a three month extension of time and the appropriate fee. The Commissioner is hereby further authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Amendments to Claims 4, and 23 – 26 are formal in nature. No new matter is added.

While the applicants believe that claims 1, 3, 9, 11, 12, 14 – 20, 22 – 24 and 27, as Amended, do not read on nor are suggested by any reference of record, the applicants note that MPEP §706 “Rejection of Claims,” provides in pertinent part that

III. PATENTABLE SUBJECT MATTER DISCLOSED BUT NOT CLAIMED

If **the examiner** is satisfied after the search has been completed that patentable subject matter has been disclosed and the record indicates that the applicant intends to claim such subject matter, he or she **may note** in the Office action that **certain aspects or features** of the patentable invention have not been claimed and that if properly claimed such claims **may be given favorable consideration**. (emphasis added.)

The applicants note that the written description of the present invention is quite different than any reference of record. Furthermore, claims 1, 3, 9, 11, 12, 14 – 20, 22 – 24 and 27, as amended are not believed to be taught or suggested by any reference of record, alone, or further in combination with any other reference of record.

Amendments to claims 1, 3, 9, 11, 12, 14 – 20, 22 – 24 and 27 are supported in the specification as originally filed and in particular, at page 5, lines 4 – 5 and page 9, lines 8 – 23. In particular, no reference of record teaches or suggests servers including call group lists of members from said call group locations as claims 1, 9, 12, 15, 22 and 27 are amended to recite. Further, no reference of record teaches or suggests that the servers are capable of controlling call service functions on each other as claims 3, 11, 14, 15, 22 and 27 are amended to recite. Accordingly, all claims are believed to be allowable over all references of record. Independent consideration and allowance of claims 1 – 27 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe anything further may be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below for a telephonic or personal interview to discuss any other changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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